

## NEW ITALIAN DRIVE MAY END AUSTRIA

If the new Italian offensive develops into a victorious major operation, military men here say it should just about "put the finishing touches" on Austria.

The offensive is in the nature of a "claw" movement against Austria—one talon is the armies fighting against Bulgaria, the other is the Italian offensive. That this offensive had not been developed sooner has occasioned some surprise among authorities here.

General Scriven, War Department observer in Italy and the Balkans, is understood to have favored development of this offensive, and he has had a following among other officers. Some, however, always have been skeptical about the Italian situation in view of the nature of the terrain and the extreme difficulties involved in any major operation.

The present operation appears to have been staged under abominable weather conditions. However, the first reports show that the Italian, French and British troops made progress, and took a fair haul of prisoners.

As viewed here, the operation must be fought by Austrians alone, for Germany is in no position to withdraw reserves from the west front. And Austrian morale at the present time is at its lowest ebb. Hence, if this operation develops into a real serious reverse for Austria, it should prove to be the last straw for the tottering dual monarchy, military men say.

The operation has not yet developed sufficiently far, however, to make predictions as to its outcome safe.

## MEN IN SERVICE TO GET COMMISSIONS

The War Department plans to select, as far as possible, the commissioned personnel of the army from the men in the service, according to a ruling made public.

All men in the service qualified for general military service who aspire to commissions will be given an opportunity to prove their worth in the officers' training schools. Men qualified for special work in the staff corps, but not physically fit for duty in the field, may be commissioned if the chiefs of the sections waive the physical disabilities of the candidate.

This ruling will permit the transfer to field service of many men now engaged in special work in the army bureaus in Washington. It is hoped that by the first of the year all officers physically fit for service abroad can be relieved from what have become known as "swivel chair" or "home guard" positions.

## G. W. U. HOUSES CADETS

George Washington University has arranged for the temporary housing of 200 members of the Students' Army Training Corps unit in the War Camp Community Service club house for girl war workers, located at Seventeenth and H streets northwest. The student soldiers already have entered their quarters.

About a month ago the university took over the Mayday Apartment House, Nineteenth and G streets northwest, but the temporary conversion of this new building into an influenza hospital has delayed occupation.

The remaining 400 members of the unit will be housed in a building in Pennsylvania avenue northwest, between Seventeenth and Eighteenth streets, recently acquired by the university, and if necessary, in the National College of Pharmacy building, 905 I street northwest.

## AMUSEMENTS

**Saturday, October 26th**  
**Special River Trip to MOUNT VERNON**

Home and Tomb of Gen. Washington  
Steamer CHAS. MACALESTER  
Leaves 7th St. Wharf at 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26**  
**Sunday, Oct. 27**  
**40-MILE RIVER TRIP**

Steamer Charles Macalester  
Leaves 7th St. Wharf at 10 A. M. and 2:30 P. M.  
Note—Steamer stops at Marshall Hall and Camp Humphreys.

## EXCURSIONS

**BLUEMONT, VA.**  
In the Picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia  
Altitude 1,500 Feet

**Sunday Excursions**  
**\$1.25** ROUND TRIP including war tax. **\$1.25**  
Children, half fare.

Electric trains leave Terminal, 36th and M sts. N. W., 8:30 and 9:50 a. m., and 2 p. m. Leaves Bluemont at 3:14, 5:40 and 7:35 p. m.

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Washington and Old Dominion Railway

## D. C. AVIATOR DIES IN ACTION; SISTER HONORED AS NURSE



MRS. HORACE ALLEN.

Former Washington girl, and now a member of the American Ambulance Hospital, decorated by the French government for "devotion and bravery under fire."

The brother killed while fighting the Germans in the air, the sister decorated for bravery while serving as a nurse behind the front lines.

This is the dual honor that has come in cable messages to Franklin Steele, a retired wealthy resident of Washington, concerning his two grandchildren, Lieut. Edward Clappell Gwynne, an American aviator, and Gwynne's sister, Mrs. Horace Allen, well-known in Washington society.

Mr. Steele, whose home is at 1336 Eighteenth street northwest, has just received a cablegram telling briefly the news that Lieutenant Gwynne, a former Washington school boy, was killed in action on the western front last Saturday.

Shortly before this cablegram was received Mr. Steele received word that Mrs. Allen had been decorated by the French government "for devotion and bravery under fire" while serving with the American Ambulance Hospital at Noye. Mrs. Allen attended a private school for girls here while Lieutenant Gwynne was attending the Cathedral School with his twin brother, Lieut. Erskine Gwynne, of the French artillery. Their mother, Mrs. E. E. Gwynne, has been living at Severn, near Paris, for the past ten years, but has made frequent trips to Washington. She recently turned her home into a hospital for American wounded.

The twin brothers were born in Paris, twenty years ago, and were educated in Washington, England, and France. Upon the outbreak of the war, Mr. Gwynne and her sons came to this city, but soon left for England, where they worked in the munition plant at the Uppingham School. In the fall of 1915, they returned to Paris. In 1917 young Edward joined the American aviation. His brother, Erskine, enlisted in the American forces, became a sergeant and later was honorably discharged. He later received a commission in the French army.

The grandfather, Franklin Steele, has been a resident of Washington forty years. He is a member of the Metropolitan Club.

## 68 RUSS HOSTAGES SLAIN.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 26.—From the time that Moses Uritsky, commissioner for elections to the constituent assembly of Russia, was assassinated last August up to October 1, sixty-eight hostages, including five priests, were shot by the Bolsheviks, according to Petrograd dispatches.

## EXCURSIONS



LIEUT. EDWARD C. GWYNNE.

**SWISS SEND ENVOY FOR TRADE TREATY**

Swiss Minister Sulzer will return to the United States within a week, it was learned here today. He will begin negotiations with the War Trade Board at once regarding a commercial treaty by which the allies will supply needed foodstuffs and certain materials to Switzerland.

Switzerland is now getting these necessities under the provisions of an agreement which expired September 30, but the allied governments have permitted arrangements to continue pending completion of the new treaty.

Allied representatives sit with War Trade Board representatives in the deliberations. Germany has always exerted strong pressure on Switzerland to get badly needed war materials and the chief concern of the allies has been to safeguard the protecting wing of the Government.

Unallied exports to Switzerland could be used to release other supplies for Germany.

**EXPLORER FINDS NEW INDIAN TRIBE**

Discovery of a new tribe of Indians and three series of waterfalls in the uncharted sierras of southwestern Venezuela by Theodor de Bary, the explorer, has been announced here. The discoveries were made in the Sierra de Perija region, near the Brazilian and Colombian frontiers.

Several American explorers are planning extensive trips into the Brazilian and Colombian wilds and the unpenetrated Andean regions of South America after the war.

**700 ROADS ACCEPTED**

Director General McAdoo has approved the form of contract to be entered into between the short line railroads and the railroad administration. This action cleared the way for more than 700 short lines to be taken under the protecting wing of the Government. Representatives of the short line association had already agreed to the contract.

## U.S. CIVIL SERVICE DOOM SEEN IN BILL

The Senate is putting through the army appropriation bill adopted an amendment which is looked on in many quarters as hostile to the civil service system.

The effect of it is to make permanent the appointment of temporary employees of the Naturalization Bureau and Service and cover them into the civil service.

Several Democratic Senators supported the amendment. Senator Smoot opposed it, and said the civil service law might better be abolished than to pick out one bureau after another and shift the employees selected without examination into the civil service.

Senator Chamberlain declared if he had to depend for clerical assistance on the clerks certified to him by the Civil Service Commission he would resign his seat.

Senator Thomas said he feared it was the beginning of a concerted movement of clerks and employees who came here for the war period to make their tenure permanent. He said: "Mr. President, I am not particularly concerned about the Civil Service Commission. I share the view expressed by the Senator from Oregon in that I think in some respects it ought to be abolished; but I fear that this amendment is the beginning of what I am told is a concerted purpose upon the part of the new employees of the Government to make their tenures here permanent after the war."

We have here at least 40 per cent of employees who, I repeat, are not needed at all. They are supernumeraries, even in this time of great activity; and if they may just stay in the work which some of them seem to be doing, I have understated rather than overstated the percentage. I have seen information from credible sources that a movement began some time ago—an organized movement, having, of course, political power behind it—by which the employees everywhere now in Government service, and who have been brought in owing to the exigencies of the war, are beginning to feel not only being retained, but they began some time ago, and they are continuing—their activities for that purpose.

"They are writing letters now," said Senator Smoot.

**CRACK Foe AIRMEN NOW OPPOSE VANKS**

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 26.—The crack German "flying circus" which was formerly commanded by Lieutenant Richtofen, the boche star ace, but now commanded by Lieutenant Uff, has been rushed to this front by the enemy in an effort to re-establish supremacy of the air here.

The "circus" was first recognized when, after a series of planes with, familiar bright bellies of Richtofen's unit crossed the American lines near Grand Pre. An American aviator, on patrol duty, drove in close to the "circus" to complete the identification and then dashed "home" with the news.

Thus far there have been no engagements between the crack enemy unit and American aviators.

**STAR TO VISIT TRENCHES**

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Mary Pickford announced today that she is going to act in only one more picture and then go to France to see the boys in the trenches and to help the folks at home.

She was a great success in the influenza and spoke to her in the trenches through a half-open door.

**WOMEN NOT ADMITTED.**

The question of including one or more women in the membership of the War Labor Board has been referred to the National Industrial Conference Board and the American Federation of Labor, which nominated its original members, it is announced. The board took the position that it was a representative body without power to enlarge the membership.

**FT. MORGAN TRAINING CAMP.**

MOBILE, Ala., Oct. 26.—Fort Morgan, made famous during the civil war in the battle of Mobile Bay, is now a national army training camp. Two hundred Alabama volunteers have arrived at the fort. Other contingents will follow, it is stated.

**An Appeal From the Red Cross**

I have—have you? What? Why, responded to the questionnaire of the Red Cross. The Surgeon General of the army has asked that the Red Cross make a survey of all the nurses in the country, every nurse, graduate, undergraduate, nurse-in-training, practical nurse, midwife, trained attendant, and every woman who has taken a course with the Red Cross.

The need for nurses is an imperative one; the demand must be met if the United States is going to carry this war to a victorious conclusion. Have you an automobile? If you are not a nurse, have you wondered how you could be of service at this time to the Government? Count up the nurses whom you know or have heard of, make a list, go out in your automobile armed with a supply of questionnaires, which you can obtain from the local chapter of the Red Cross, and get every one of these nurses to sign. Remember—every nurse of every kind; every Red Cross student everywhere.

## That Guiltiest Feeling

WHEN YOU CAN'T RESIST THE TEMPTATION TO HALLOO THE BALL ON A MIDWINTER HOLE--AND THE FOURSCORE AHEAD IS STILL ON THE GREEN. CONTRARY TO YOUR USUAL LUCK YOU LAND SQUARELY INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE GREEN WHILE THE 430MS IS PUTTING.



**PRESIDENT'S PLEA STIRS REPUBLICANS**

The real Congressional campaign began today with Republicans everywhere planning "repeals" on President Wilson, because of his appeal to the country for a vote of confidence—return of the Democratic Congress.

From the timest campaign in years, it became the bitterest overnight. Declaring that President Wilson's appeal has removed all restraint from political discussion, Republicans set out to prove their contention that of the two parties, the Republican has shown a larger percentage of loyalty to the Administration's war program and policies.

In a formal statement, climaxing a series of bitter comments, Republican members of Congress, Senators Lodge and Smoot and Congressman Gillett and Fess, declared that the Republican percentage of support on war measures was 72 per cent, compared with 67 per cent on the part of Democrats.

In this connection, the statement rapped Congressman Dent, Kitchin, and Clark. It declared the Republicans, if victorious, would replace Dent on the Military Committee with Kahn, to whom the Administration was obliged to turn for assistance in the first draft bill with Dent opposed; it attacked Kitchin for his remarks on conscription.

**9 COUNTRIES ASK TRADE TREATIES**

Nine Latin-American republics are ready to negotiate after-the-war trade treaties with the United States, it was learned here today at headquarters of the international high commission.

Negotiations with Uruguay are under way, the treaty having been signed by Secretary of State Lansing and Uruguayan Foreign Minister Brum and ratified by the United States Senate. It is announced that Brazil, Ecuador, Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, the Dominican Republic, and Haiti have notified the State Department of their desire to take up the agreements.

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**Record in the Senate.**

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There are some domestic questions where we should undoubtedly differ from the course pursued by the Administration. We should not, for example, fix a price on the farmer's wheat and leave the planter's cotton untouched. Another domestic question in which the Republican party believes thoroughly is economic preparation for the coming of peace, and they clearly of the opinion that the Congress of the United States should not be excluded from that great task.

**Not His "Personal War."**

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## By Briggs



**LODGE AND SMOOT HIT AT PRESIDENT**

Senators Lodge and Smoot and Representatives Gillett and Fess, representing the leaders in both houses of Congress, and the chairmen of the Senatorial and Congressional Campaign Committees, held a conference yesterday regarding President Wilson's appeal for the election of a Democratic Congress, and then issued the following formal statement:

"Some time ago the President said 'politics adjourned.' Now, in the closing days of the campaign—delayed by the united efforts of all parties for the Liberty loan—now, when all public meetings have been given up owing to the influenza epidemic, the President sends out a direct party appeal calling upon his countrymen to vote for Democrats because they are Democrats without any reference to whether such Democrats have been or are in favor of war measures, and have a war record which deserves support."

"The voters of Michigan, to take a single example, are called upon to support Henry Ford—notorious for the advocacy of peace at any price, for his contemptuous opinions to the flag, for the exemption of his son from military service on the sole ground that he will blindly support the President. The President is quite ready to admit that Republicans are loyal enough to fight and die, as they are doing by the thousands; loyal enough to take up great loans and pay enormous taxes; loyal enough to furnish important men at no salary on some of the great war boards in Washington. But they are not loyal enough to support the President, to be trusted with any share in the government of the country or legislation for it."

**Purposes in the House.**

"If the Republican party controls the House we can point out some of the things they will do. They will replace Mr. Dent of Alabama, at the head of the Military Affairs Committee, with Julius Kahn, to whom the Administration was obliged to turn for assistance to take charge of and carry the first draft bill against Mr. Dent's opposition."

"They will put a Republican at the head of the Ways and Means Committee as leader of the House, instead of Mr. Kitchin of North Carolina, who voted against the war. They will give the country a Speaker who did not oppose and would not oppose a draft bill, and would never say, as Speaker Clark did, that 'there is precious little difference between a conscript and a convict.'"

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**WAGE AND PENSION BILLS FACE TIE-UP**

Government clerks and employees who are anxious for the passage of the McKellar pension and retirement bill are becoming alarmed over the parliamentary situation in Congress, especially in the Senate.

They fear the short session gradually is getting the parliamentary situation so shaped that it will be possible to prevent passage by the Senate of both these measures, not only in the present session but in the next session to follow.

The latest development is that the revenue bill will not even be reported by the finance committee until after election. This means that when the Senate reconvenes, following election, all the rest of November will be taken up with the revenue bill. It may not even pass the Senate until it is time for the short session to begin.

During the short session also there will be a tremendous rush of appropriation bills and war measures. It is obvious that the McKellar bill will be taken up before the election, which is scheduled to begin October 29. But just as soon as that is over and before taking up the revenue bill an effort will be made to have the McKellar bill voted upon.

As for the Nolan bill, the first requisite is to get it referred in the Committee on Education and Labor to a favorable subcommittee. This is the program on which its advocates are working.

Buy War Savings Stamps today and provide for your future.

**T. R. CRITICISES PRESIDENT'S PLEA**

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Commenting on President Wilson's appeal to the people to return a Democratic Congress in the November election, Col. Theodore Roosevelt said:

"The President's statement is an announcement that he is a partisan leader first, and President of all the people second. It is, of course, the repetition of one of his former statements to the effect that politics was adjourned—a statement which, of course, he has already repudiated by his action."

**URGES G. O. P. VICTORY**

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 26.—Addressing 300 prominent Republicans at a luncheon given in his honor at the du Pont Hotel, Will H. Hays, Republican chairman, said:

"Let nothing remain undone which can honestly be performed to make Republican success certain. The country's war load is great; let us hitch up both great political horses to pull it, and let us bring to the great problems of reconstruction the brain and heart of the Republican party."

**PLEADS FOR DEMOCRATS**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 26.—Declaring that a change in the political complexion of Congress "would certainly be taken everywhere by friends and foes alike, as a repudiation of the President," Judson Harmon, former governor of Ohio, in a speech here urged the election of a Democratic Senate and House.

**PREACHER ARRESTED**

GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 26.—Rev. J. M. Gonnell, a mill operative and itinerant preacher, has been arrested on the charge of making disparaging utterances and seeking to hinder the sale of Liberty bonds. In default of \$1,000 bond he was remanded to the county jail. He is alleged to have quoted scripture against Liberty bonds, saying they taught one to love one's enemies instead of fighting them and bonds made fighting possible.

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are people who get weak and run down. You can gain fighting strength from

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